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Amendment under CFR § 1.312
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REMARKS

Applicants request entry under C.F.R. § 1.312 of the instant amendments to claims 13, 14, and 15 in the referenced application. The amendments correct obvious typographical informalities in the claims and do not change the scope thereof. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification, for example, at page 32, line 19, the Table on page 25, and page 9, line 11.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 714.16, applicants state that:

(A) the amendments are needed to correct obvious typographical informalities in claims 13, 14, and 15;

(B) the proposed amendments require no additional search or examination because the claims submitted for amendment herewith are dependent claims that depend from patentable claim 1 (claims 13 and 14) and claim 1 by way of claim 14 (claim 15), and because the amendments do not change the scope of the claims;

(C) claims 13, 14, and 15, as amended, are patentable because they depend from a patentable independent claims; and

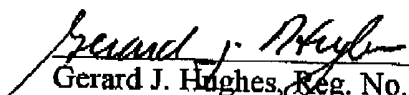
(d) the amendments were not submitted earlier because applicants did not recognize their typographical error until after receipt of the Examiner's Notice of Allowance.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendments to claims 13, 14, and 15 in the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted:

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